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SUBJ: SLFP CABINET MINISTER'S CHARGES AGAINST CIA

REFC A) COLOMBO 1289, MAY 9, 1974; B) COLOMBO 630

1. "CEYLON DAILY NEWS" ON MARCH 10 REPORTED T.B. ILANGARATNE, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AND INTERNAL TRADE, AS SAYING AT SLFP-SOPNSORED SEMINAR MARCH 8 THAT "...HE ALWAYS HAD A SUSPICION THAT THE CIA HAD A BIG HAND BOTH IN THE ASSASSINATION OF THE LATE MR. S.W.R.D. BANDARANAIKE AND THE 1971 APRIL INSURGENCY. HE WONDERED WHETHER MR. JAYEWARDNEN EXPECTED SUPPORT FROM THE CIA OR SIMILAR UNDEMOCRATIC ORGANIZATIONS WHEN HE MADE THE STATEMENT THAT THERE WILL BE A GENERAL ELECTION IN 1975".

2. ILANGARATNE'S PUBLIC ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING CIA ARE BELIVED TO BE FIRST BY SLFP CABINET MEMBER IN RECENT YEARS. BECAUSE OF THEIR FLAGRANT NATURE, AMBASSADOR ON MARCH 10 SENT PRIME MINISTER LETTER OF PROTEST. LETTER DESCRIBED CHARGE OF CIA COMPLICITY IN ASSASSINATION AS "SO OUTRAGEOUS THAT IT DOES NOT WARRANT COMMENT" AND NOTED THAT PROMPT U.S. MILIARY ASSISTANCE TO HELP QUELL 1971 INSURGENCY MAKES ALLEGATION OF CIA SUPPORT FOR IT

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"EXTRAORDINARY". LETTER ALSO REFERES TO AMBASSADOR'S

AFFIRMATION TOPRIME MINISTER IN MAY 1974 THAT
UNITED STATES MAINTAINED GOOD GOVERNMENT-TO-
GOVERNMENT RELATIONS WITH SRI LANKA AND SUPPORTED
NO PARTICULAR POLITICAL PARTY (REF A). TEXT OF
MARCH 10 LETTER BEING POUCHED NEA/INS.

3. ILANGARATNE'S INSINUATIONS ARE DESIGNED TO
DISCREDIT J.R. JAYEWARDENE IN RESIGNATION MOVE TO
GENERATE ELECTIONS IN 1975 (REF B) AND FEED ON RECENT
SPATE OF STORIES CONCERNING CIA AS SUPPLIED BY
WESTERN AND COMMUNIST WIRE SERVICES. THESE INCLUDE
REUTERS REPORTS ON CIA PLOT TO KILL CASTRO, LUMUMBA,
AND TRUJILLO; ON CIA INVOLVEMENT IN PRESIDENT
KENNEDY'S DEATH; AND ON "TIME" (MARCH 17) STORY ON
CIA-MAFIA EFFORT TO KILL CASTRO; ANSA (ITALIAN) ARTICLE
ON ITALIAN FIRM EXPOSE OF CIA ROLE IN INTERNATIONAL
AFFAIRS; AND TASS STORY OUT OF WASHINGTON ON JUSTICE
DEPARTMENT INQUIRY, SUGGESTING LINK BETWEEN CIA AND
PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION.
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